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MONTEREY NEWS



OUR TOWN

Appointments by the Selectmen and New Positions

John Pizzichemi has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the unexpired term of George Helmrich until elections are held at the Town Meeting in May. Two alternate members will be appointed annually. At present they are Thomas Gillis and Georgiana O'Connell. Margaret White has been appointed to the Monterey Council on Aging until June, 1976. Donald Amstead, Jr. will henceforth be doing percolation tests in Monterey.

Library Wing Construction Begun

The Henry Bynack Construction Company has started work on the new library wing in back of the building. \$9,725

has been granted by the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission, matching the funds already raised by the Monterey Historical Society. Work is expected to be completed by the spring or early summer. The new room, to be known as the General Knox Room, will house antiques and artifacts pertaining to the history of Monterey. This is the very exciting fruition of several years of planning, and all who have mementoes of Monterey's past are urged to donate them to the Monterey Historical Society next year so that they can be suitably displayed in this room.

The Lake Buel Betterment Association

The above-named organization sent its representative, Fred Vorck, to the Selectmen's meeting on Monday, November 11, to report on the existence of this organization and see what cooperation they could get from the Selectmen. Mr. Vorck was pleased to hear that the Selectmen are doing everything within their power to improve life on the two lakefronts of Monterey. Jed Lipsky's application for funds to the Clear Water Association received a not unfavorable reception, although no prognosis can yet be made as to the outcome of his application. The members of the Lake Buel Betterment Association have not yet elected officers.

Board of Appeals May Be Elected, not Nominated by Selectmen

State Senator Alan Sisitsky will be petitioning the State legislature to create an amendment to the by-laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts permitting towns such as Monterey to elect their own Board of Appeals by a two-thirds majority vote. This was turned down last year by the Attorney General, after which the Selectmen proceeded to nominate the slate of members already elected by the Town. Unfortunately, the Senator's petition will not be presented until June, after our annual Town Meeting, so there will be no chance to vote on it on that occasion.

Berkshire Community Arts Council

The Berkshire Community Arts Council has been created to keep the artistic and cultural interests of the region alive and well during the off-season months. Norman Seigerman, of Monterey, is the Chairman. This council will be a channel of communication for the arts in the Berkshires and will work to bring varied cultural activities into the area throughout the year, but especially during the nine months from September to June. The council plans to produce an Events Calendar which will note all cultural and artistic events scheduled for Southern Berkshire audiences. Mr. Seigerman, commenting on the fact that no funding is being received from the Massachusetts Council for Arts and Humanities, stated, "It is now vital that we give our community businesses the opportunity to step in and help by sponsoring arts programs of a high caliber for the general public and also, making it possible for our youngsters to participate in them through school workshops. Private citizens should also become patrons of the council, encouraging its efforts to keep these interests ongoing and successful."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Consumers' Council Available for Advice to Private Citizens

The Massachusetts Consumers' Council will begin a three-day training program in February, 1975, to prepare persons in the work of aiding consumers with their cost-of-living problems. Enrollment for the first training session will be limited to 25. If you can't keep up with the cost of living and feel that what you buy isn't worth the price you pay, you will be able to turn to these specially trained resident assistants for help and advice.





CATHOLIC CHURCH

One Mass weekly, Sunday, 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship each Sunday, 10:30 a.m. . . .
Confirmation class each Sunday, 9:15 a.m. . . .

Looking Backward and Forward

On Sunday, November 17, we celebrated Heritage Sunday and the worship was in the manner of early New England Congregational worship, with its austere and simple pattern. Reports tell us of that in persons which still responds with real strength to this unadorned approach to the soul. . . . On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, the note of thanksgiving and celebration will be sounded. True, there may be a looking backward, but it is intended to make us aware of God's present and continuing blessings. Come, ye thankful people, come!

At the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ meeting in Holyoke on November 9 the action centered largely around what to do with the Framingham Conference Center. Dr. Brallier observed that it was really the debate of a Church living between an age that is dying and a new one struggling to be born. The style of mission was the underlying issue. The dying age has attached a good bit of importance to property and place. Will the new age be one that is indeed able to highly value person and the values of spirit? The decision on whether or not to sell the Framingham Conference Center has been deferred until the May 1975 meeting.

On Living Between Ages

The United Church of Christ effort to raise \$17 million by 1976 has come to Monterey. The presentation of it was made to the Parish Council recently. This fund is seeking to raise seventeen million dollars by 1976 to help the six remaining black colleges founded by Congregationalists a century ago. All black colleges are in a particularly difficult period of transition just now. In the course of time this program will be presented to the church. The basic feature of the 17/76 Achievement Fund is that it will be raised entirely from individuals and families who desire to help, not from the churches themselves.

17/76 Achievement Fund

OUT OF DANGER

Dear Lord, I thank thee for the gift
Of extra time upon this earth.
My joyful heart in praise I lift
For this miraculous rebirth.

So many loved ones are with thee,
I should have been quite glad to go,
But since it was decreed for me
To linger here below,

Help me listen for thy word
And strive to do thy will,
For here or there, I know, dear Lord,
Thou wilt sustain me still.

Patricia Howard

THE COURAGE TO BE HONEST

If one should seek to find out why people shade the truth from each other, the great majority of persons would say they are making life better thereby. Truth often seems blunt and cruel. If I should tell another of ways in which he hurts me, I may reason, I would bring unnecessary pain into his life. I tell myself I should be big enough to absorb it. After all, I'm not a child. So why not stand tall and straight and pretend to myself and others everything is just fine.

The above few statements point toward a well-meaning formula for freezing up and making sterile the human life process. It is hard to estimate the damage people are doing to themselves and their relationships to others by supposing they are making life better by being big enough to swallow all the hurts and violations they receive at the hands of others. Let us try to be more concrete about this.

Here, for instance, is a wife who is afraid she will be regarded as "bitchy" if she should speak up to her husband about the things he does to put her down and hurt her. She may start out with noble admonitions to herself about trying to be above such petty complaining. She may reason that if only she can nobly endure, eventually he will change and it will all have taken place without her having to expose her hurt and pain. It just might happen that way, but the likelihood is slim. What is more probable is that in quiet, almost imperceptible ways she will begin to withdraw herself from him and he will become all the more entrenched in his hurtful ways. The tragedy here, repeated over and over in so many marriages, is that the process that could lead to a creative relationship is being sabotaged. Seeking to avoid conflict, sterility and distance become built in. To add insult to injury, those defective personality qualities in each of the partners are simply reinforced instead of changed. If you should change the roles of the man and woman the story would still play itself out in essentially the same way.

Why are so many people afraid to be honest? The impression keeps coming through that people fear they will make an already troubled situation worse. To be sure, many of us have made our tries at speaking the truth about our feelings to another, and, as we feared, feelings were hurt or angers stirred. So we conclude it's a "bad scene" and start to back away. The difficulty here is that we did not have the courage to see it through. If we should have the strength to stand by our feelings, quite likely at first we might believe things were getting worse instead of better. Yet there is a strange principle that works within so many of our human affairs. It is only as we face into the dark and troubling experiences that we find a light, an opening, appearing almost to our surprise. Yet the avoidance, the looking away, the attempt to "cover up" the dark experience usually brings a multiplication of the difficulties. Once we have experienced enough times the cost of covering up, of trying to escape facing the unpleasant truths, we begin to sense a principle at work. Once we have been surprised enough times by dealing with the truth we dreaded, finding ways opening we did not suspect, we begin to sense the other side of this principle.

In our effort to avoid dealing with truths we see and feel, we start to muddy up the life process. We begin to tamper with our own guidance systems. We lose direction. We stop trusting our own ability to see and know. Confusion and uncertainty begin to reign within us.

Truth is exceedingly precious. It is not to be treated lightly. My failure to deal truthfully with another, no matter how lightly I may justify it, begins to mess up my ability to know where I am myself. It messes up the delicate adjustments by which relationships are repaired, renewed and deepened. As I lose the courage to be honest with another, my growth and the growth of the other are impaired. This is too high a price to pay.

In the end it turns out that truth and love are intimately related. If I love someone, then I must find the courage to be truthful, especially about the things that are hurtful between us. The writer to the Ephesians knew of the close relationship between love and truth. He urged, "Let us speak the truth in love." The two words belong together. To love a person and to be honest with that person are coming very near to sharing in a common precious quality.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

On Saturday, November 2 and Saturday, November 16, we had children's movies in the basement of the library. On Tuesday, November 19, Mr. Jeff Thompson, a representative of the Children's Protective Services of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children presented a most interesting slide program entitled "Yours." This has a descriptive sound accompaniment and was produced by ^{Mr. and} Mrs. Norman Seigerman of Monterey. The program was given at the regular monthly meeting of the Monterey-New Marlborough PTA. There will be one more children's film presentation on Saturday, December 14. The place will be announced later.

Cynthia Weber
President

PHILERGIANS

Marion Schneider was hostess for the opening fall meeting on October 16, with Marie Brallier conducting the business portion of the program. The plan for resumption of Dr. Brallier's "Growth through Personal Relationships" group meetings was confirmed. The meetings are ^{the second} on Tuesdays of each month. Two have already been held, one at the Brallier home on November 5, and one at the home of Patricia Howard on November 12. After the business discussion all participated in the fun of a lively "teacup auction," which netted \$29.75 for the treasury of the Philergians.

The next meeting will be at the home of Gertrude Gould on December 12. The program will be "Christmas Art and Music."

Evelyn Chamberlain
Secretary

MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange #291 observed "Neighbor Night" on November 6. Patrons from Melleville, Chatham and Canaan, New York and Cawassa, Connecticut, as well as Sandisfield, Lee, Stockbridge and Great Barrington, presented an enjoyable program. Worthy Master John Lossin recently attended the Massachusetts State Grange Convention in Plymouth. While there, he accepted for Monterey Grange a check for third prize for its Conservation Report. The next meeting will be November 20. Members are to bring in interesting facts about Massachusetts, also articles made of cranberries for sale.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Massachusetts Secretary of Natural Resources, Charles Foster, has announced that senior citizens need only call the Regional Office of Natural Resources which is nearest them to receive the free senior citizen pass to all State Parks and Forests. Groups of senior citizens who plan to use State Parks should notify the State Park/Association two or more days ahead so that the State Park personnel can prepare special services for them.

Alfred Mollé, Chairman
Monterey Council on Aging

M O M E N T A R Y R E C O G N I T I O N

They say my house is tumbling down,
I am alone and seventy-three.
and so it is, but should the town
Pity me?

I have a footstool for my feet,
I have tea and a crusty roll.
A handful of red bittersweet
Feeds my soul.

Heaven is a far-off place,
No nearer than the farthest star
Unless you meet it face to face
Where you are.

Rosemary Farrar
Alford



GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

The new Brownie Troop under the leadership of Mrs. Pizzichemi has eight girls. Recent meetings have consisted of learning the Brownie promise and the Brownie song. Craft articles have been made out of felt scrapes, such as bookmarkers.

Juniors

The Junior girls have been working on their Gypsy and Traveler Badges. First Aid, compass reading, making buddy burners and the proper use of the jackknife have been practiced.

Cadettes The Pansy Patrol (older girls) are working on Public Health. Mrs. Barbara Dolby, a nurse from Great Barrington, will be giving a course and showing a film on C.P.R. This is a four-hour course. Parents are invited to attend on a Sunday afternoon in January. Monday, November 18, a film on "Growing Up" was shown at the Youth Building in Great Barrington, as well as a film on breast cancer. They were for mothers only. The Poppy Patrol (younger girls) are working on Good Grooming.

Boy Scouts The Monterey-Otis boys held a camp-out over the weekend of the 9th and 10th of November. Those attending from Monterey were Steve Brown, Kevin Bradley, Kenny Heath, John Makuc and Shawn Ryder. The camp-out was held at their leader's property in Otis.

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Panhandlers Cooking Club

In our cooking club so far this year, we have made the following casserole dishes: tuna noodle favorite, beef corn dandy, tutti fruity pork chops, jiffy chow mein and stewed franks. We also had a nutrition crossword puzzle. We are now getting ready for a skit that our club will put on for the 4-H Achievement Night.

Kristine Heath

Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club

The horse show sponsored by our club was a success. We were able to add \$50.12 to our bank account from the proceeds of the food stand and also from donations received. At the last meeting the club decided to donate \$10.00 to Mrs. Evelyn Haswell's retirement fund. We are now practicing for a skit to be put on by our club for Achievement Night.

Mary O'Connor

Monterey Greenthumbs

The garden club has ended this year's project. Meetings will start up again in March.

Lick'em and Stick'em

The stamp club has been busy practicing its program for Achievement Night. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining may attend these meetings.

Monterey Woolly, Feather, Fur Farmers

This is a new 4-H Livestock club. Twelve boys and girls have enrolled in it. Leaders are Mrs. Mary Heath and Mrs. Kay Gillis. The new club will cover such projects as beef, capons, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. The club plans on meeting once a month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Boys and girls six years old and up are cordially invited to join.

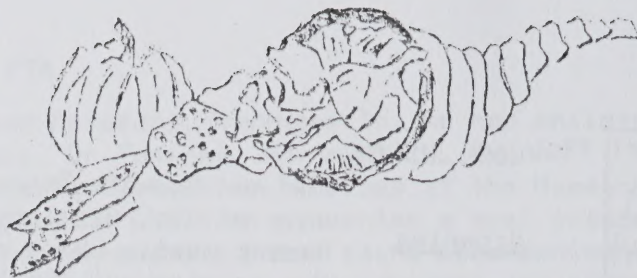
Christmas Workshop

There will be a Christmas Workshop for all the boys and ~~xxxxxxx~~ girls of Monterey. Leaders of the various youth groups will be demonstrating Christmas crafts.

Everyone will be able to make at least two different decorations or gifts to take home. Everyone should plan on attending on December 3, in the church basement right after school. For more information call 528-2548 or 528-0722.

General News

Due to the Great Barrington Lions Club 4-H Capon Evening on November 15, our scheduled Achievement Night will be on Friday, December 6, in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. Everyone please support the annual Town Christmas Party. All groups are starting to prepare for this event.



Off-Season Sanitary Landfill Hours

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Tuesday: closed; Wednesday: 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Friday: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The former schedule will resume in the spring.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Like the cornucopia at the top of this page, to mix metaphors, our cup runneth over. We have received contributions from almost one hundred friends of the Monterey News to date, November 18, 1974. They are the following: Mrs. Sylvia Allan, Mrs. Margaret Allardice, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Amidon, Mrs. Thomas Andrus, Mr. Fred Backhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bearce, Mr. and Mrs. William Bohn, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brallier, Mr. George Brett, Mr. Sheldon Bristol, Mr. Henry Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brosseau, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Buchanan, Mrs. Alice Burhans and Mrs. Florence Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Camp, Mrs. Clarence Carr, Miss. Virginia Cesario, Mrs. T.K. Chamberlain, Mr. Bryan Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Craven, Mrs. Fred Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dietter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dolby, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Emmel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ensign, Mrs. John Fijux, Mr. and Mrs. William Foss, Miss. Marjorie Fuller, Mrs. Thomas Garrett, Mrs. Matthew Gilligan, Mr. and Mrs. William Ginsburg, Mr. Harry Gottlieb, Miss. Marilou Hamer, Mr. Harold Hart, Mrs. Leon Howes, Mr. and Mrs. Aurelius Heath, Mr. George B. Helmrigh, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kimberley, Mr. Rupert King, Mrs. Clarence Kinne and Mrs. Mildred Walsh, Mr. Herbert Kraiss, Miss Eleanor Kreuger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lancome, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Langer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lemmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Peter LePrevost, Mrs. Loul McIntosh, Mrs. Sidney McKee, Miss. Marjorie McLaughlin, Mrs. M.J. Mellon, Mr. George Mensi, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Molle', Archdeacon Arthur Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. William Oislander, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Olds, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Mrs. Curtis Paine, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Pasche, Mrs. Charles Peet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Race, Mrs. Joan Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rotondo, Mrs. Lewis Scheffey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlegel, Mrs. Emil Schneider, Mr. Jacob Sharefkin, Mr. and Mrs. John Silard, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Simons, Mr. Charles Slater, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Smith, Mr. Ralph Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens, Mr. Stewart Stowell, Mr. Paul M. Thorn, Miss. Nina Tryon, Miss. Janet Rose Volckhausen, Mrs. Mary Wallace, Mrs. John Weiss, Mrs. Fred White, Mrs. Lawrence Wilkinson, Mrs. Harold Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wing, Miss. Mary Wocel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wondrasch.

Your comments have been particularly helpful. Some would like more Town News but we actually print "all the news that's fit to print." Others would like more "Profiles" (We are planning one next month), and there is almost general appreciation expressed for the Reverend Virgil Brallier's articles. As no disapproval was expressed at printing poets from other parts of the Southern Berkshire area, we are putting one in this issue, and plan to continue this policy in future issues. Complaints about the illegibility of the print should be addressed to the mimeograph machine - it really doesn't do its best - but then, the Editor of the Monterey News is not very pro-machine to begin with. We are pleading with it to behave better this time, and hoping that it will.

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